



## REHS Program Update - July 2014

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### ***Transfer of the Drinking Water Program (DWP) out of CDPH and into the State Water Resources Control Board***

The Drinking Water Program along with its Local Primacy Agency (LPA) program will be joining the team at the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on July 1, 2014. CDPH and SWRCB staff are currently making changes to the CDPH DDWEM website. After that is complete, the Environmental Management Branch website (the REHS Program resides here) will undergo redevelopment. In the meantime, you can reach the REHS Program website at the following link: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/occupations/Pages/REHS.aspx>

### ***Registered Environmental Health Specialist Review Course and Study Material***

The California Environmental Health Association (CEHA) is hosting a webpage link to the Official Kimura Study Materials including the registration information for the newly revised REHS Review Course. To view the current schedule and price list, go to [www.ceha.org](http://www.ceha.org) and click on the Continuing Education button in the top tool bar area. Scroll down midway and look for the Student Outreach and Advisory Program (SOAP). Or you can go to the online training course directly by following this link: <http://www.healthinspectorclass.com>.

The REHS Program would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Ms. Deepa Dillikar (MPH, REHS) and Yumi Kimura for spending their personal time in this endeavor.

### ***Continuing Education***

If your registration expires this year and you wish to remain actively registered, you must submit proof of the required 24 contact hours of continuing education (CE). Only approved coursework or training provided by a CDPH approved Accreditation Agency (AA) completed between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2014 will be credited toward the 24 hours for this renewal cycle. Renewals received for active registrants deficient in CEs will be considered incomplete and will be returned. The REHS program conducts a random audit of 10 percent of the total of forms submitted upon receipt. If you are chosen for audit, you will be contacted by email and asked to submit all the certificates of completion for all courses listed on the Continuing Education Verification Form. Please keep copies of the training certificates for a minimum of five years. **If my registration is currently in retired status and I wish to return to work, what information do I need to provide?** You can switch your registration status at anytime during the 2-year renewal period. You must complete the 24 hours of continuing education before your registration status is changed. If you have already paid the retired fee for the two year renewal, you must submit an additional \$150 along with the 24 hours of continuing education.

### ***International Federation of Environmental Health (IEFH) Roy Emerson Award Winner***

It is my pleasure to inform you that Ms. Nava Bastola (MPH, Health Education, Loma Linda University) won the Roy Emerson IFEH Award for her essay and presentation entitled "[The Climate Change Challenge: Engaging the Environmental Health Practitioner](#)". Nava is the first time winner of the inaugural award that is presented annually in honor of Roy Emerson who contributed much to Environmental Health. The prestigious award was given to Nava during the joint 13th IFEH World Congress/NEHA AEC Event in Las Vegas. Congratulations to Nava from the Environmental Health Specialist Registration Program!

### ***REHS Statistics as of June 2014***

Active:	2912	:
Retired:	721	
Suspended:	454	
Trainee Applications:	1796	